



REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 11-26, and 30-33 remain in this application. Claims 7-10 and 27-29 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 32-33 have been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. §121 Election/Restrictions

The Patent Office has issued a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-6, 11-26, 30 and 31, drawn to a hydrogen storage and recovery apparatus, classified in class 48, subclass 190;
- II. Claims 7-10, drawn to a hydrogen recovery unit, classified in class 423; subclass 658;
- III. Claims 27-29. drawn to a method of recovering hydrogen from hydrogen storage, classified in class 429, subclass 200.

In response to the restriction, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-6, 11-26, and 30-31) in this application. Applicant makes this election without prejudice to the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more other patent applications.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

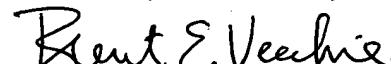
The Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed for this purpose. .

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Respectfully submitted,
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